# Hammerstein Began Career As East Side Cigarmaker

Grand Opera Impresario Reached Heights Only After Overcoming Long Series of Misfortunes

Built Eleven Theatres

Made and Lost Thousands, Sacrificing Everything to His One Aim in Life

From a little emigrant Jew making gars on the East Side for 70 cents

cigars on the East Side for 70 cents a day to grand opera impresario handling receipts of \$60,000 a week—such was the romance in the life of Oscar Hammerstein, who died last night. Inventor, editor, real estate speculator, composer, vaudeville manager, shrewd business man, reck less plunger, humorist, builder of eleven threatres besides opera houses in New York, Philadelphia and London, he was one of New York's picturesque figures for half a century.

Whimsical, temperamental, fearless, irascible, berating his audiences, condemning his critics, assailing his foes, cajoling his singers, Mr. Hammerstein was ever in the limelight and often on the first page. As a showman he had few peers. Whether, he discoursed on divas or duchesses, his remarks bristled with epigrams. He was constantly in the courts, suing and being sued. He summoned fortunes out of nothing and dissipated them as he indulged in his uncontrollable passion for grand opera. Time and again he was penniless only to rise again.

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Long before he ecame the stormy petrel in the path of the aristocratic Metropolitan—before the voices of famous singers were heard at the Manhattan and salaries began to soar under the pressure of competition—Hammerstein had made a name for himself.

Prospered as an Inventor

He had invented a machine for wrapping cigars which brought him \$100,000 and another for stemming the leaves which was equally profitable. He had bought and edited a tobacco trade journal. He had ventured in real estate before there was a building on the West Side above 110th Street, constructing some forty or fifty houses.

Then he entered the theatrical busi-

# BIRTHS

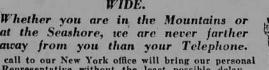
HULL Mr. and Mrs. Horace Mann Hull, of 536 West 113th st., announce the birth of a daughter, Angela Fairfield, July 31, 1919.

MARKEL—Mr. and Mrs. Lester Markel (nee Meta Edman), 414 West 120th st., a daugh-ter, August 1, Stern's Sanatorium.

## **ENGAGEMENTS**

WHITSON—PHILLIPS—Mr. and Mrs. Ro-iand Phillips, of Flushing, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marion, to Mr. William Wright Whitson, son of Mrs. Thomas Whitson, also of Flushing. Mr. Whitson has recently returned from France, where, as a member of the 165th Infantry, he served with the famous Rain-how Driesion. No date has been set for the wedding.

# DEATHS



Impresario Dead



Harlem Music Hall, where Hurtig & State Seamon's burlesques were presented later. Failure stared him in the face many times before he saw profits, which were never large. For a brief period the grand opera spell seized him, and at Thirty-fourth Street he built the Manhattan Opera House, which opened with Moszkowski's "Boabdil" on January 23, 1803.

# OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN

# DEATHS

one, now known as the New York and the Criterion.

This venture was an absolute failure and Hammerstein was compelled to of a \$55 amount thrue to pay the rough of a \$55 amount thrue to pay thrue to pa

America.

He arrived in this country in 1862.
The Civil War was in progress. The demand for Northern-made cigars was brisk. Through an advertisement he found employment, and learned the trade, working for \$2 a week. He had a facility in writing and contributed to the German papers, until in 1870 he began the publication of "The United States Tobacco Journal," which after a struggle made money.

Makes His First Fortune

He was born in Peru, III. Educated in the public schools there, he entered

three plays. The two moved up to the Germania Theatre, in Fourteenth firet, which later became Tony Pastor's, and here they brought ever from Germany. Heinrich Corried, a young actor who was years afterward to become the director of the Metropolitan Opera. House and take away Hammerstein's tenors, while the latter realized by outbidding for sopranos in the merry opera war.

From this start Hammerstein built his music hall in Harlem, then turned his attention to Broadway. He was the first to introduce to America Yette Guilbert with a collection of racy songs. He put on living pictures, which he left will he he first to introduce to America Yette Guilbert with a collection of racy songs. He put on living pictures, which he left his production "La Pouptee".

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sidow, three sons and two married laughters. The functal will be held at the Transfiguration Church, Mott Street, where high mass will be celebrated. Interment will be in Calvary

MORE—Suddeny, at Ridge, Md., on Ditter war was waged with the Summer home at Waterford, Countries, beloved son of George C, and Emily Brewseter Moore, in his 7th year. Funeral services will be held at the residence of his grandmether, Mrs. F. Brewster, 912 Boulevard, Astoria, L. I., on Saturday and his associates and femily now afternoon, Aug. 2, at 3 o'clock. Intermediate of the Summer home at Waterford, Countries, Summer home at Waterford, Countries, With his brojher, John H. Hanan, his father, founded in 1853.

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# Turns Turtle at Sea

ing and sinking of the cargo carrier Clan Gordon 155 miles off Cape Hatsea was told yesterday by passengers arriving on the Abangarez, of the

neriving on the Abangarez, of the United Fruit Company, from Kingston, Jamaica.

According to Captain C. R. Glenn of the Abangarez, the Clan Gordon was first seen about two miles distant, with a heavy list to starboard. Believing she might need assistance, he changed his course, and while three-quarters of a mile still separated them the Clan Gordon was seen to roll completely over to starboard, while all the crew were thrown into the sea.

Captain Glen lowered five lifeboats and rescued eleven white officers and forty-one men of the Lascar crew, who were landed here yesterday. The junior wireless operator, John Nixon, of Buffin and rescued eleven white officers and forty-one men of the Lascar crew were drewned.

Captain J. C. McLean of the lost vessel refused to discuss the sinking. The crew were also silent. The Clan Gordon was loaded with case oil and 12,934 bags of paraffine wax cakes and was bound for China. She was a turret type freighter, built in Glasgow in 1900. She was a 3,600-ton vessel, 355 money in office and sts me se me feel owners are Cayter & Irvine, Ltd., of Glasgow.

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His inventions, of which there were some sixty in all, gave him capital tespeculate in Harlem real estate and he soon had a fortune.

His first theatrical ventures were a the silent partner of Adolph Neuendori, manager of the old Stadt Theatre, in the Bowery, for which he wrote three plays. The two moved up to the Germania Theatre, in Fourteenth Circet, which later became Tony Pastor's, and here they brought over from Germany House and take away Hammerstein's length and the House of the Metropolitan Opera May.

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Press in South Says

Wilson Can Win if He Asks Nomination

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